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Application Serial No. .... 09/171,910  
Filing Date .... October 27, 1998  
Inventor .... Dirk Van Dijk et al.  
Group Art Unit .... Unknown  
Examiner .... Jim Thompson  
Attorney's Docket No. .... VR2-002  
Title: Plastic-Based Composite Product and Method and Apparatus for  
Manufacturing Same



RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Decision on Petition dated March 1, 1999.

Please find enclosed a Declaration in compliance with 37 CFR §1.497(a) executed by all inventors. Also enclosed is a statement by Mr. Van Dijk explaining how the error in signing the Declaration occurred.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 10, 1999

By: Deepak Malhotra  
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Parts under 37 CFR  
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Deepak Malhotra

Date

May 10, 1999

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Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	760	201	380	Utility filing fee	
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	760	208	380	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0.00)

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	0.00
Multiple Dependent	-3** =	X	0.00
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	78	209	39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0.00)

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	0.00
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	0.00
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	0.00
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	0.00
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	0.00
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	0.00
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	0.00
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	380.00
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	0.00
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	0.00
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	0.00
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	0.00
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	0.00
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	0.00
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	0.00
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	0.00
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	0.00
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	0.00
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	0.00
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	0.00
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	0.00
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	0.00
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	0.00
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	0.00
149	760	249	380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	0.00
Other fee (specify)					0.00
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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 420.00)

**SUBMITTED BY**

Typed or Printed Name: Deepak Malhotra

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